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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment generally steady on whole turkeys. Demand was light. No trading reported on hens or toms. Offerings light to adequate. Parts trading was most active on tom drums and fresh tom breast meat. Trade sentiment on tom breast meat steady to barely steady, weak on tom drums and frozen thigh meat.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Activity was spotty. Some interest was noted on tom drums for export to the Caribbean.

Effective January 4, 1999, all turkey reports are being issued from the Des Moines Market News office. As a result of our review of trade practices and reporting procedures, we have revised the reports to better serve the needs of our customers. Call your local Market News office for further details.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 21, 1999**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	55.00	57.40**	54.50**
CENTRAL REGION	57.91	57.00**	54.00**
WESTERN REGION	55.00	58.90**	54.63**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	57.00**	57.40**	55.50**
CENTRAL REGION	58.20	57.00**	55.00**
WESTERN REGION	55.48	58.90**	55.63**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-82
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	85-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 25-JAN-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	65.00	18	65.00	17
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	65.00	18	65.00	17
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 09-Jan-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>			<u>WT</u>
N EAST	447	-56	25.00	(A)	(A)	448	25.07
S ATL	1,242	206	24.33	(A)	(A)	1,243	24.34
N CENT	2,240	24	30.90	(A)	(A)	2,249	30.88
S CENT	602	66	24.21	(A)	(A)	603	24.22
WEST	65	-88	28.86	NONE	NONE	65	28.86
U.S.TOTAL	4,596(B)	11	27.65	0	12	4,608	27.65
TO DATE							
1999	4,596(B)			0	12	4,608	
TO DATE							
1998	4,784(B)			0	32	4,816	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 21,000; last year to date 23,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 09-Jan-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	0	4,596	12	4,608
AVG WT	0.00	27.65	27.75	27.65
LAST WEEK	0	4,129	32	4,161
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,784	32	4,816
AVG WT	0.00	25.78(A)	28.66	25.80
TO-DATE/1999	0	4,596(A)	12	4,608
TO-DATE/1998	0	4,784(A)	32	4,816

(A) Includes 21,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 23,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 09-Jan-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 65 HD, 1,876 LBS,
TO DATE 65 HD, 1,876 LBS; OLD 0 HD,
TO DATE 0 HD; TOTAL 65 HD, TO DATE 65 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

DECEMBER	473,482 *
JANUARY 1-9, 1999	101,926 *

To date 1999 101,926 *

To date 1998 99,407 *

* PRELIMINARY

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 JANUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, frozen steady. Demand light to fair on tom drums for the readily available offerings. Some slowing in the market due to people attending the International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta, GA.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	87.00-90.00		88.80	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	21.00	16
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	38.50	30
NECKS, TOM		T	24.00	6
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	162.00		162.00	200
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	59.86	70
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	113.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	99.00	80
TENDERLOINS		R	107.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	135.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	55.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.41	880

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	W	18.11	456
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	W	24.00	260
TAILS	W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	F	15.80	400
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	T	54.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 JANUARY 1999.

Undertone steady on close trimmed fresh tom breast meat, barely steady at best on regular trimmed. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on tom drums and frozen thigh meat, steady on tom wings and steady to fully steady on tom 2-joint wings for export. Some improved export interest noted on tom drums for export to the Caribbean. Trading fair on open priced frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey for February export shipments and light on sized frozen thigh meat. Offerings of breast trim, scapula and destrapped tenderloins light; wing meat available with buyers bidding lower.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.00	160	96.95	840
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.80	200	88.97	211
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	13.00-20.00		14.40	400	14.76	1,000
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	40	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	40	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.50		18.50	9	18.50	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.50		24.50	4	24.50	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	38.50	30	38.50	30
NECKS, TOM	23.50		23.50	24	23.60	30
NECKS, HEN	16.50		16.50	40	16.50	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	167.00-170.5		167.68	220	165.90	720
THIGH MEAT	57.00		57.00	120	57.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	59.86	70		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	113.00	40	113.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	99.00	80	99.00	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00		140.00	20	130.50	280
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	55.00	120	55.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	10.00		10.00	120	10.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.41	880	14.41	880
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	80	18.24	536
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50		25.50	104	24.96	676
TAILS		W	19.00	40	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.00		15.33	60	15.33	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00		58.00	60	55.71	140

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